

Current Conservation Issues in DoD

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Overview

- Encroachment
- Partnerships
- DoD Conservation Conference
- INRMP Issues
- Historic Preservation Issues
- T&E Species
- Migratory Bird Issues
- Funding Issues
- New Conservation Metrics
- Other Issues

Encroachment Issues

- Urban Growth
- Maritime Restrictions
- Endangered Species
- Airspace Restrictions
- Airborne Noise
- Air Quality
- Unexploded Ordnance and Munitions
- Radio Frequency

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- **Leadership & Organization**
- **Policy & Plans**
- **Programs & Funding**
- **Outreach**
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How Partnerships Benefit DoD

- Improve understanding of DoD mission and stewardship needs.
- Place DoD lands into larger regional context.
- Identify regional threats both on and off military lands.
- Integrate small scale natural resource management projects into regional interagency efforts.
- Reduce conservation pressures on DoD lands by focusing on large scale habitat conservation.
- Enhance resource sharing and reduce costs.
- Increase flexibility for training and other activities.
- Demonstrate DoD's continued commitment to and leadership in conservation efforts.
- Assist INRMP implementation.

Working with Stakeholders

- **Ecosystem Management**
- **Species at Risk**
- **Research and Development**
- **BRAC**

Cooperative Agreement Authority

**DoD has authority to enter into Cooperative Agreements
for conservation purposes**

- 10 USC 2694
- FY94 DoD Appropriations Act
- Sikes Act

Issues

- Are funds available to acquire off-base interests?
- Must DoD obtain a recordable real property interest?
- Do “normal” land acquisition rules and restrictions pertain?
- Are we inviting regulators to insist on ESA buyouts?

DoD Conservation Conference

- Theme: DoD's Conservation Program: Proactive Planning for Mission Support
- Natural and Cultural Resources Issues
- June 17-21, 2002
- Tucson, AZ
- <http://web.dandp.com/conservation>

Conference Agenda

- T&E Species Workshop (DoD Focus)
- Two days of Plenary Sessions
- One day of Resource Breakout Sessions: Natural, Cultural, Historic Buildings
- Exhibits and Posters
- Field Trip: Ft. Huachuca

Plenary Sessions

- Senior Administration Officials
- Meeting Readiness and Stewardship Needs
- DoD Senior Environmental Representatives
- Emerging Sustainment Issues
- Partnering to Achieve Mutual Goals
- Integrating Natural and Cultural Resources with Military Needs
- Encroachment Issues: Planning for the Future

More Plenary Sessions

- Stakeholder Involvement in the Planning Process
- Access to DoD Resources
- Future Funding
- Overseas Issues

Natural Resource Breakout Sessions

- Endangered Species and Species at Risk
- Ecosystem Management and Ecoregional Planning
- Invasive Species
- Management Plans

INRMP Issues

- Importance of INRMPs
- INRMP Status
- IG Study
- Potential Future Issues
- INRMP Handbook

Importance of INRMPs

- INRMPs are the primary planning tools for managing DoD's natural resources for long-term sustainability.
- Good INRMPs are vital to military readiness and resource stewardship.
- Preparing and implementing high quality INRMPs is even more important now that they are being considered as adequate substitutes for the designation of critical habitat.

INRMP Status

	Required	Completed	Incomplete	
Army	178	171	7	
Navy	87	80	7	
Air Force	96	85	1	
Marine Corps	15	12	3	
DLA	3	1	2	
Total	379	349	30	

IG Study

- Degree of consultation with FWS and states
- Effective implementation – the extent to which goals and objectives are accomplished
- Match funding documents and projects
- Mission/stewardship interface
- Role of Regional Environmental Coordinators
- Performance metrics for INRMPs

Potential Future Issues

- Evaluate DoD IG results
- Define successful coordination
- How to track comments?
- How to improve efficiency of INRMP review?
- How to spread the workload for the next review?
- How to define and track effective implementation?
- Resolve competing definitions of "complete."
- Resolve contaminants issue.
- Update guidance memos?

INRMP Handbook

- Available on DENIX:
<https://www.denix.osd.mil/inrmp>

T&E Species

- DoD-FWS Working Group
- Species at Risk
- Information and Education Working Group
 - Protecting Endangered Species on Military Lands
 - Special DoD ESB issue
 - Bald Eagle poster
 - Marine Corps poster

Migratory Bird Issues

- Revised DoD Partners in Flight Strategic Plan
- Migratory Bird Treaty Act
- Migratory Bird Executive Order

Funding Issues

- Legacy Program
- DoD Forestry Reserve Account
- Grazing Program

New Conservation Metrics

- Improved tracking of INRMPs
- Improved tracking of ICRMPs
- Potential impacts of the ESA on military training and testing lands
- Potential impacts of selected invasive species

Other Issues

- Invasive Species
- Wildland Fire Guidelines
- Conservation Law Enforcement
- Access to Resources
- Pollinators